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FEBRUARY 15, 2012 WEEKLY UPDATE

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YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

PLANNING FESTIVAL PARK

The City of San Diego, in conjunction with the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, invite you to participate in a public workshop for Festival Park at the Village at Market Creek on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 12 noon at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, 6401 Skyline Dr. Our community involvement is crucial to ensuring that this pocket park provides plenty of passive recreation opportunities for city residents of all ages. Input from this workshop will help better design the General Development Plan for this much-anticipated public park that will be located just south of the amphitheater and cultural village. The City of San Diego received \$846,950 from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to create Festival Park. For information, contact: Jeff Harkness at: (619) 533-6595.

DIGGING BLACK FARMERS ROOTS

The People's Produce Farmers Market will host an African-American History Month event featuring the "Status and Struggle of the Black Farmer" on Friday, Feb. 17 from 2 to 6 p.m., at 4981 Market Street.

The upcoming program will include noted speakers, lots of cultural expressions, good food and much more. For information about the event, call: (619) 262-2022 or email: info@projectnewvillage.org.



RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:



On Tuesday, Feb. 14 Council President Tony Young officially proclaimed it "Black History Month" in the City of San Diego and honored three-dozen community leaders for their vital contributions to our neighborhoods. He said during the presentation that "these incredible, inspirational people help raise, educate and oversee recreational events for our children. They make sure our children get to school safely, ensure that libraries are open and residents are knowledgeable about important issues. They are the ones that keep us healthy by feeding us, naturally and spiritually." Local heroes recognized at the City Council meeting were: *L.C. Anthony, Brenda Adams, Betty Cherry, Josephine Cherry, Pastor Don Conley, Joan Conliffe, Pastor Vernon Cooper, Dr. Victor Crawford, Albert Dandridge, Clarence Gardner, Pastor Reginald Gary, Glenda Gates, Barbara Harris, Dorothy James, Shirley Jones, Shirley Junior, Roz King, Pastor Ikenna Kokayi, Pastor Willie Manley, Ardelia McClure, Pastor Eric Miller, Richard Minor, Willie Morrow, Diane Moss, Rosemary Pope, Sadie Rackley, Hartwell Ragsdale III, Cathy Ramsey, Dr. Kitty Reed, Pastor John Ringgold, Robert Robinson, Earl Stansberry, Cecil Steppe, John Warren, Shelley White, Pastor J.L. Whitmill, Jacinth William, and Lee Wright.*





Black History Month honorees gather in Council Chambers to celebrate contributions of community members.

The San Diego City Council is on legislative recess the week of Feb. 20 in honor of Presidents' Day. Although it still honors the birthdays of the first President George Washington and the 16th President Abraham Lincoln, the national holiday also has become a day to hail all 44 American commanders in chief. That's why most government services, courts, public schools, post offices and banks are closed. The council will reconvene on Monday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

COLLEGE HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

UCSD Black Student Union will host its annual high school conference on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The free on-campus event for area high school students will feature guest speakers and workshops. Food and transportation will be provided. For more information or to register online for the "*Til Victory is Won: Empowering our Community through Education*" conference, contact: ucsdblackstudentunion@gmail.com.

BLACK STORIES & LITERATURE

The Common Ground Theatre and Black Story Tellers of San Diego will present "Masterpieces of African American Literature: Facts and Fiction" on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. at Paradise Village, 2700 4th Street, National City. This free event will include a performance by Dr. Theresa Ford. For more information, please call: (619) 263-7911.

MEET LOCAL AUTHOR

The Mt. View/Beckwourth Library will host an author-talk featuring local resident and scribe Brenda Tolbert at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the neighborhood branch at 721 San Pasqual St. She will discuss her inspiration story, *Hidden Jewels*, the first installment of her three-part novel. The library will offer a free copy of the book to each family attending the event, while supplies last. This is part of Mt. View/Beckwourth Branch Library's "Building for the Future" project sponsored by a local grant from the Neighborhood Unity Foundation. For more information, call Branch Manager Matthew Nye at: (619) 527-5408.



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The 20th Annual San Diego Kuumba Fest will be held Feb. 24-27 at the San Diego Repertory Theatre at Horton Plaza in downtown. For more information about the many events and activities being held during the three-day festival honoring Black History Month, visit the website at: sdkuumbafest.com.

BOOK SALE BENEFITS LIBRARY

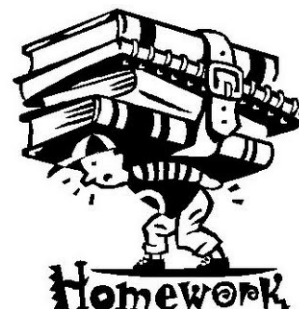
Don't miss the Malcolm X Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the branch site, 5148 Market Street. Book sale proceeds will be used to purchase new materials and sponsor events at the Malcolm X Library. For information about the book sale and other library programs, call: (619) 527-3405.

RED CARPET EVENT

Lights. Camera. Action. Join the star-studded Oscar Night "Red Carpet Event" at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 in the elegant Celebration Hall at Market Creek Events & Venues, 404 Euclid Ave. Proceeds from the glitzy event benefit the Kids to Camp Program of the Community Campership Council. For more information, call: (858) 268-9888 or learn more online: kidstocamp.org.

HOMEWORK CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The Neighborhood House Association Homework Center will host an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 841 S. 41st Street. Parents, students, teachers and community members are invited to attend this event to learn more about the free Homework Center and its many programs and services that help area youth improve test scores and earn better grades. For information or to RSVP for the event, please call: (858) 244-8210 or online: neighborhoodhouse.org.



YOUTH TOWN HALL MEETING

A Youth Town Hall Meeting -- "Silence is Worse than Violence"-- will be held Friday, March 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center's Celebration Hall, 404 Euclid Ave. Sponsored by City Council President Tony Young, The Jacobs Center, Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, The San Diego Boys & Girls Club of Greater San Diego, Elementary Institute of Science and CHOICES Inc., the town hall meeting will include a panel of youth ages 14 to 19 who will address some of the most pressing issues and challenges facing younger people in our community. Nationally recognized speaker Kevin Powell will talk about the importance of giving youth a voice, leadership position and organizing role in neighborhoods. He'll provide solutions and directions on how our communities can be strengthened through youth engagement. The event provides a safe place for youth to voice their concerns and also is designed to connect young adults to key resources, services and networks that can help them survive and thrive early adulthood. Organizers hope to have more than 500 participants, and youth can receive community service hours for attendance. For more information about this historic youth town hall meeting, contact Sherehe Hollins from the Youth Movement at the Jacobs Center at: (619) 527-6161 or email: shollins@jacobscenter.org.



ON CENTER STAGE

Local thespian Ihmahni King-Murillo joins the cast of San Diego Junior Theatre's production of "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley, Jr.," opening Friday, March 2 in Balboa Park. For ticket purchases and more information about this family show, call the box office at: (619) 239-8355 or visit online: juniortheatre.com.

FAMILY FUN RUN

The 1st Urban 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday, March 3 in Southeastern San Diego.

This family-oriented event will be used to support the American Cancer Society, Mama's kitchen, ARC of San Diego, Meals for Hunger. In addition to helping these nonprofit organizations, this family 5K run/walk event is designed to positively affect the awareness of health and well-being of all our communities by educating and



heightening healthy eating and healthy lifestyles of ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors. The 5K starts at Chollas Lake and finishes at the Jacobs Center, 415 Euclid Ave. For more information, go online at: sd5kurbanwalk-run.org, or please contact the race administrator: (619) 392-0203 or email: bpollard@peoplesolutions-sd.com or.

MLK BLASTERS ON THE RUN

The MLK Blasters, a nonprofit youth track and field team based at Morse High School, is gearing up to compete at the 2012 USA Track & Field National Youth Indoor Track & Field Championships March 10-12 at Illinois State University. The 24-year-old program offers healthy, positive alternatives for local student-athletes, who must maintain good academic and citizenship grades to participate. The MLK Blasters are seeking donations to sponsor youth participation and underwrite costs of competing at the national event. For more information about the track and field club, and ways to help, please call Coach Mark Blackshear: (619) 206-2438 or visit the group's website: mlkblasters.org.

211 SAN DIEGO

Need help? Reach out to 211 San Diego to connect with more than 2,000 community agencies providing 5,000 health and human services programs.



Simply call 211 from your phone (or online visit: 211sandiego.org), and you'll be connected to a real person who can help you navigate your way to the resources needed to better help yourself and all of your family members.

LANDSCAPE CONTEST

Don't miss the April 6 deadline to enter the California-Friendly Landscape Contest sponsored by The City of San Diego Water Conservation Program along with other local water agencies. The contest is designed to recognize homeowners who have landscaped with water conserving plants and technologies, and raise general public awareness of the need to save water. For more information, including eligibility requirements and application procedures, visit the website: landscapecontest.com.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Wednesday February 15	San Diego Youth Commission (Roosevelt Williams III)	4:30 p.m.	City Administration Building 202 C Street, 12 th Floor
Wednesday February 15	Encanto Community/Rec Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:30 p.m.	Encanto Rec Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive
Wednesday February 15	Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	St. Timothy Church 2106 Reo Drive
Thursday February 16	Alta Vista Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Nye Elementary School 981 S. Valencia Parkway
Monday February 20	Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Avenue
Tuesday February 21	Webster Community Council Meeting (Roosevelt Williams III)	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
Thursday February 23	Broadway Heights Community Council (Lea Fields-Bernard)	7:00 p.m.	6759 Charlene Avenue

IMPORTANT CITY NUMBERS:

Non-Emergency Police

San Diego Police Department
619-531-2000

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti Control Hotline
619-525-8522

Street Light Repair

Transportation Department
619-527-8000

Missed Trash Pick Up

Environmental Services
858-694-7000

Pot Holes

Streets Division
619-527-7500

Abandoned Trash/Debris

Environmental Services
858-694-7000

Dead Animal Pick Up

Environmental Services (streets, alley, sidewalks)
858-694-7000
Cal Trans (freeways and off- ramps)
619-688-6670

Abandoned Shopping Carts

Environmental Services
858-694-7000

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